



## NWCoC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Location:** ZOOM

**Date:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Attendees:** Lori Wollman, Cory Boushee, Elena Guerra, Lori Anderson, Jennifer Dunham, Kayla Madigan, Laura Robertson, Karyn Novak, Sheril Schluter, Maureen Hams, Rita Ostman, Shannon Lee, Margret Treuer, Barbara Johnson, Betty Notto

**Time:** 10:30am

### Agenda items

- I. Review of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes. M/Jennifer Dunham, S/Sheril Schluter to approve the NWCoC Executive Board Meeting minutes as presented.
- II. Recognition and congratulations were given to the following agencies receiving funding in FY2022 HUD CoC Competition Awards: Bi-County Community Action, Evergreen Youth and Family Services, HMIS, Inter County Community Council, Northwest Indian Community Development Center, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Violence Intervention Project, NMF. NWCoC received \$1,499,023 in funding this round.
- III. Betty Notto, Systems Administrator with Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) provided the committee with an update on data standards. The HUD data standards will be released in May. ICA is requesting agency feedback on changes or additions to the Minnesota Data Elements. The survey link was provided for feedback. Once in, the results will be reviewed and changes will be launched in October. [2023 MN HMIS Data Element Survey](#).
- IV. Margret and Barbara attended the 2023 National Summit on Youth Homelessness & Hill Day in Washington, D.C., in early March. The summit emphasizes thought leadership and best practices by providing access to field experts, meeting to share experiences and perspectives on creating systemic change to prevent and end youth homelessness. In addition to attending the summit, the opportunity was provided to meet with Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar's offices to advocate for policy to end youth and young adult homelessness in Minnesota, specifically in our region.
- V. The REAP team has released a grant to support efforts aimed at improving the outcomes for individuals who have experienced homelessness, with a racial justice lens. Maximum grant awards are \$5,000, with average funding expected to be between \$2,500 and

\$5,000. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, until all funding has been allocated. Funding can cover projects that focus on the following: increasing cultural competency, developing stronger relations between those living through homelessness and supportive housing staff, increasing stabilization.

**VI. Agency updates:**

- Peacemaker training: Session 3 Part 2: Monday, April 24, 2023 from 10AM-12PM
- May 8<sup>th</sup>, Peacemaker Resources Client Engagement seminar, in-person, 10am-3pm, Garden Valley Technologies, Erskine
- Next meeting: May 18 in-person, 12-2pm, Garden Valley Technologies, Erskine

Discussion was had regarding format and times for future trainings with interest leaning toward more in-person trainings, with the exception of winter events to minimize travel. A decision was made to require agency staff to take a CES refresher training between May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>, annually. The training materials may be found on the [NMF website](#).

Anishinabe Legal Services is at full staff and serving more clients. Evergreen Family and Youth Services encouraged everyone to attend the Gala fundraiser on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

M/Jennifer Dunham, S/Rita Ostman to adjourn the meeting.